



Qualifications

Investigative interns must:

- Be willing to work with clients from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds, with varying needs and challenges

How to Apply

Qualified applicants should send a cover letter explaining their interest in being a criminal defense investigator, along with a résumé and a 1-2 page writing sample, to:

Office of the Federal Defender
Eastern District of California
Attn: Melvin Buford
801 I Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or, by e-mail to Melvin_Buford@fd.org.

During the school year, we accept applications on a continuous basis and hire approximately one month prior to the beginning of each semester.

Who We Are

Our Mission

We are advocates for the poor –we want our legal system to be fair to all. Our mission is to exceed our clients' expectations every day by providing the highest caliber of legal counsel and advice.

Members of the Federal Defender's Office share a commitment to excellence and a passion for justice in representing indicted people accused of federal criminal offenses. We provide legal representation and/or advice to individuals financially unable to employ counsel in federal criminal cases.

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Defense Investigator Internship Program

Eastern District
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What is the Office of the Federal Defender?

The Office of the Federal Defender represents defendants charged in federal court with felonies and misdemeanors, before and after arrest, trial, sentencing, and on appeal. We also represent inmates in appellate and both capital and non-capital habeas corpus proceedings.



Defense Investigator Internship Program

The Federal Defender's Office (FDO) employs investigators in both the Sacramento and Fresno offices to counsel and aid clients through their criminal cases. The FDO's investigative intern is an important component of a holistic approach to meeting client needs.

"I am passionate and grateful for the work I do through this internship. My favorite part is helping clients prepare for the best possible outcome."

Investigator Intern work directly impacts the outcome of a client's pending criminal case while increasing the quality of representation and meeting the organization's mission and vision. Investigative Interns are involved with all aspects of criminal defense investigation—both field and office related activities—and will frequently assist with other aspects of case and trial preparation



Your Role

The Federal Defender's Office seeks students who have a desire to work alongside our investigative trial team. Intern investigators assist with investigation on criminal cases, ranging from misdemeanors to felonies. Intern Investigators have a significant impact on clients' cases and their work could prove a client's innocence and save them from an unjust conviction.

In addition to working with clients, interns will work with the investigative trial team to develop skills such as:

- Documenting crime scenes
- Assisting the trial team in preparation for court;
- Writing investigative memoranda;
- Obtaining records; and
- Identifying and interviewing potential witnesses